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SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT
RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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1. SUMMARY: MISSION UNDERTAKING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS
WITH KEY DELEGATIONS IN EFFORT TO CREATE A CLIMATE CONDU-
CIVE TO ACHIEVING OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE
ON RACISM AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DISCOURAGE ACTION AT THIS
ECOSOC THAT MIGHT RAISE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS. IN THE LONG
RUN, THE CRITICAL NEED IS FOR A CLEAR INDICATION OF WHAT
IT WOULD REQUIRE FOR THE U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CON-
FERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL A, MISSION PLANS TO UNDER-
TAKE IMMEDIATELY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY AFRICAN AND
EUROPEAN PERMREPS TO DISCUSS THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE
UN DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINA-
TION. AT THIS POINT, WE PLAN ONLY TO EMPHASIZE THE ANOMALY
OF THE USG'S NOT PARTICIPATING IN LIGHT OF OUR LEADERSHIP
ROLE IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO INVITE THEIR SUGGESTIONS AND/
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OR COMMENTS ON HOW THIS MIGHT BE RESOLVED. OUR GOAL IN
THIS IMMEDIATE EFFORT IS TO CREATE A CORE GROUP OF KEY UN
MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK WITH US ON WAYS OF
OVERCOMING THE PROBLEMS OF OUR PARTICIPATION WITHOUT AT THIS
STAGE GETTING INVOLVED IN THE SPECIFICS OF POSSIBLE SOLU-
TIONS (E.G. U.S. HOSTING THE CONFERENCE).

3. IN THESE CONSULTATIONS, AS WELL AS IN OUR GENERAL CONSULTATIONS DURING THIS ECOSOC, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DISCOUR-AGE ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT FURTHER COMPLICATE THE SITUATION. WITH REFERENCE TO THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE PREPCOM, WE ARE MILDLY HOPEFUL THAT THE WEO STRATEGEM OF DEFERRING CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE REPORT MIGHT SUCCEED.

4. AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE FULLY AWARE THAT IT IS NOT IN OUR VIEW POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN BINDING COMMITMENTS FROM SOVEREIGN STATES MEMBERS OF THE UN NOT TO UNDERTAKE ANY SPECIFIC LINE OF ACTION ON RACISM/ZIONISM EITHER IN THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE CONFERENCE OR AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. IN ADDITION, AND AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON RESOLUTION 3379 (XXXI) OR WHAT IS SEEN AS A FRONTAL ASSAULT -- WILL NOT SUCCEED AT THIS STAGE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT THE FORMULA PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 4(D) OF REFTEL A WILL WORK. IN ANY EVENT, AS WE CONTINUE OUR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HERE, THE CRITICAL NEED IS FOR THE BOTTOM LINE OF WHAT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE RESULTS OF OUR CONSULTATIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS MIGHT PROVIDE SOME POSSIBLE OPTIONS.

5. MISSION HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED REASONS WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT EFFORT. AT THIS POINT, WE WOULD ONLY RE-EMPHASIZE:

(A) THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT EVEN IF WE DO NOTHING, THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN NEW
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YORK AND WITH THE ISSUE OF RACISM/ZIONISM
INTACT; AND

(B) EVEN IF WE DO NOT SUCCEED IN OUR EFFORTS, WE BELIEVE THAT OUR TRYING WILL GENERATE SIGNIFICANT GOOD WILL AMONG AFRICAN AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
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